



REMARKS

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph,

Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for failing to comply with the written description requirement. As suggested by the Examiner, Applicants have amended the claim so that the m value is now "an integer".

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 18-24, 18 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C., §102(b) as being anticipated by Spinning (JP 58,194,915), or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Spinning.

Claims 1-3, 8, 9, 15, 16, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ward (WO 93/22360), on in the alternative, under §103(a) as being obvious over Ward.

Claims 1-5 and 7-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang (U.S. Patent 4,590,254) in view of Mauro et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,245,695).

Applicants have amended independent Claims 1 and 29 to reflect that the reaction of the polyurethane prepolymer and diamine to produce the poly(urethane/urea) resin occurs in the absence of a monoamine chain terminator. As stated and agreed to by the Examiner, all of the cited prior art references use monoamine chain terminators, which are not used by Applicants. The Examiner further stated and agreed that such amendment would overcome all rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

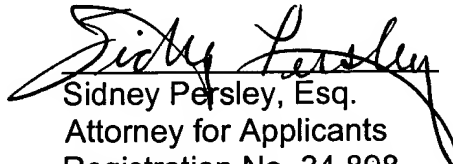
Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.



Conclusion

Applicants believe that the amendments and remarks provided herein adequately and completely address the rejections raised by the Examiner. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition-for-allowance.

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